City of 10,000 Buddhas

The south end of Ukiah is home to the City of 10,000 Buddhas. Welcoming all visitors, this Buddhist monastery, training facility, university, and prayer and meditation center occupies the site of a former state hospital built in the 1930s. The highlight for visitors is the Hall of 10,000 Buddhas, which lives up to that name thanks to the thousands of Buddhas lining its walls. You can also enjoy delicious vegetarian cuisine at the Jyun Kang Restaurant. For more info, call (707) 462-0939 or click here.

Redwood Empire Fairgrounds

The Redwood Empire Fairgrounds in Ukiah is a destination for entertainment, recreation, sports and social gatherings throughout the year. The annual Redwood Empire Fair showcases the agriculture and talents of the community with traditional competitions, junior livestock shows and auctions, a fiddling contest, cultural dancing and educational exhibits.

Other reasons to visit include the Ukiah Speedway are weekly stock car and go-cart racing. Also, be sure to check out the motocross track and golf driving range. For more information and schedules, please click here or call (707) 462-3884.

Real Goods
Solar Living Center

Specializing in education and inspiration, the 12-acre Real Goods Solar Living Center offers the best place on Hwy. 101 to break up your road trip. The Center features a free picnic area, three different ponds, a children’s play area that’s fun and educational, tours, and shopping. For those who have a serious interest, take the 45-minute tour and learn how wind and the sun can be converted to clean renewable energy. Check out the organic garden, permaculture landscape and many types of eco-friendly building materials including passive and active solar design in the architecture.

The jewel of the 12-acre site is the strawbale retail store which features the best selection of green books in the universe, plus organic clothing and housewares, green alternatives for a clean and healthy home, great toys and gifts for children, solar consultations and much more. Open 7 days a week from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information or to arrange a tour, call (707) 472-2403 or click here.

Historic Skunk Train

The Skunk Train will take you back in time as you are whisked away on a fantastic journey. This is a historically accurate train line running from Willits, just north of Ukiah, to Fort Bragg that showcases the phenomenal beauty of the area. Everyone will enjoy winding through the countryside over bridges and trestles and through tunnels. Breathtaking views of 1,000-year-old redwoods and crisp clean mountain air are just a few of the wonderful reasons to take a ride on the Skunk Train.

The experienced and knowledgeable conductor will offer fun facts as you make the trip to the halfway point, Northspur, a great spot for lunch and a chance to stretch your legs. The train offers closed cars with seating, as well as open, stand-only cars that optimize the scenic views.
If the natural beauty isn’t enough, the Skunk Train also provides the famous “train singer” to entertain you. Kids and adults of all ages will be entranced from the moment the conductor yells “All Aboard!” For information and tickets, call (866) 457-5865 or click here.

**Shambhala Ranch Spa**

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Taking its name from a legendary Himalayan kingdom in Tibet where there was a harmonious society, Shambhala Ranch is one of Mendocino county’s most famous spas. It has its own solar electric system that keeps it completely independent of the grid, and helps maintain the natural atmosphere. Pamper yourself with a relaxing stone massage, raindrop massage, reiki or chakra balancing. Or take a hike through the ranch and enjoy getting up close and personal with ornamental gardens, fruit tree orchards, farm animals and timber. 21200 Orr Springs Road, Ukiah. For more information, call (707) 937-3341 or click here.

**Vichy Springs Resort and Spa**

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Named after the world famous springs first discovered by Julius Caesar in France, the virtually identical waters of Ukiah’s Vichy Springs surge forth from six miles deep within the earth. Featuring the only warm and naturally carbonated “Vichy” mineral baths in North America, the water is naturally warm and effervescent, filled with minerals and energy, and is renowned for its healing and restorative qualities.

Opened in 1854, California Historical Landmark #980, Vichy Springs was a favorite retreat of writers Mark Twain, Robert Louis Stevenson and Jack London, and Presidents Ulysses S. Grant, Benjamin Harrison and Teddy Roosevelt. Vichy Springs Resort is the oldest continuously operated spa in California.
Today, the Resort is restored and renovated to tastefully combine its natural and historic charm with modern comfort and convenience. Guest rooms and cottages are available. For more information and reservations, call (707) 462-9515 or click [here](#).

**Orr Hot Springs**

Orr Hot Springs is a small, tranquil resort settled deep in the rolling hills of the Mendocino Coastal Range. Situated on a beautiful country road between Ukiah and Mendocino, the Springs flourish on 27 acres at the headwaters of the Big River. In the late 1800’s, “Orr’s Hot Sulphur Springs” became a resting spot on the Ukiah-Mendocino stagecoach line, and was a popular resort for city-dwellers who came seeking health and relaxation.

The mineral waters come to the tubs hot from the earth at approximately 106 degrees F. Sulphur, calcium, potassium, boron, and many other naturally occurring minerals are in abundance, making for a truly healthful and rejuvenating bath.

This clothing-optional resort offers a lodge, rooms, cottages and campsites. For reservations and more information, please call (707) 462-6277.

**Seabiscuit Ranch**

Seabiscuit, the legendary racehorse and subject of a major motion picture, lived and is buried at
Ridgewood Ranch in Willits along Highway 101 just north of Ukiah. San Francisco auto salesman, Charles Howard, paid $7,500 for Seabiscuit and hired trainer Tom Smith and jockey Red Pollard to race him. Together they turned a 3-year-old, seemingly broken-down, rebellious horse into a champion and one of the greatest racehorses in history.

Together, they embodied the American spirit and gave hope to millions of Americans during the darkest economic era our nation has ever faced. With one victory after another, Seabiscuit lifted the citizens of our country out of the despair of the Great Depression and became the greatest icon of his time.

Individuals and groups are welcome to take a guided tour of Ridgewood Ranch, Seabiscuit's Stud Barn, and Charles Howard's historic craftsman style ranch house. To schedule a reservation, call (707) 459-5992 or click here.

J Bar S Ranch

Now this is where the Buffalo Roam. Take a tour of this fantastic 1,000-acre working bison ranch on a revamped military truck through rain-forest like terrain. J Bar S Ranch is now one of the largest producers of bison meat in California. Learn about “America's original red meat,” and shop the Bison Store for everything from full buffalo robes to bison jerky, burgers, roast and every cut of steak imaginable. 6201 Highway 20 just south of Ukiah. For more information, call (707) 485-6852.